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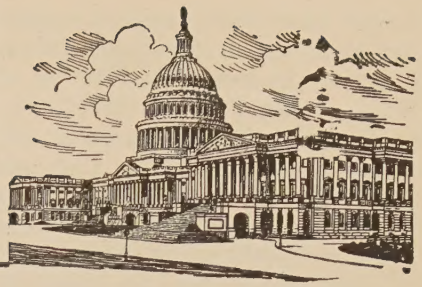

Superb Strategy

NORTHERN Baptist leadership has again demonstrated high quality in organizing for post-war problems. The announcement that a "Post-War Reconstruction Commission" has been set up given heart to every Northern Baptist and the move was superb startegy on the part of Convention leadership. Great wisdom has been shown in the selection of Arthur J. Hudson as chairman of the Commission. No man knows more about Northern Baptist problems and needs than Mr. Hudson. He has the confidence of the entire constituency and the work he will do as chairman will mark the high point of his notable career in the Northern Baptist Convention. That the Commission is to tackle big issues is seen in the fact that the sum of one million dollars has been set as the goal for the reconstruction task. While many religious groups are confused over the effect of the war on present church life, and in the days to follow the war, Northern Baptists are not confused. They will not be swept off their feet. They will not muddle through. A sane, deeply spiritual, and business-like approach will be made—all of which is characteristic of Northern Baptists. Setting up the Commission is the most important move in a decade. Mr. Hudson will be flanked by a group of leaders who have shown many times unusual qualities of leadership. It is fortunate indeed that at this time Northern Baptists are led by men and women with vision and fore-sight and that these qualities have led to the one great need just now—the reconstruction approach. In the work the Commission is to do The United States Baptist will welcome an opportunity to assist in any way the Commission desires.

WE go on to say that the Commission was not appointed by the General Council but by the president of the Convention. This does not lessen the importance of the work that the Commission can do for the Convention. The key word of the title is "Reconstruction." If the Commission makes recommendations of reconstruction—in some instances radical reconstruction—its work will be considered successful. If it recommends the "status quo" it will be considered a failure. In other words members of this group are "on the spot"—a fact which each member must have realized before accepting the appointment. Many secretaries are on the Commission. There is danger that these good men and women will, because they are so close to their own work, fail to sense the wishes of the constituency as a whole. We are not willing to believe that they will do this until findings prove otherwise. There is danger that an objective and independent report will not be submitted. If the Commission approaches the task realistically it will be compelled to render a report that will meet the challenging opportunity now facing the Northern Baptist Convention. President Robbins, having named the Commission, has a grave personal responsibility. Chairman Arthur J. Hudson has a responsibility none the less grave. The Commission will hold its first meeting in March. At that meeting the direction in which the Commission is to go will probably be decided. In the meantime Northern Baptists in large numbers should write the chairman in all frankness and state the case as they see it. Such constructive suggestions will no doubt be welcomed.

A Timely Meeting

WHEN the Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance meets in Washington on February 10th Baptists of the world will pray that Divine Guidance may be given. This will be the first meeting of the Administrative Committee since the Atlanta meeting. Such a meeting could not well have been postponed longer. There are problems so serious that combined wisdom is essential. It is assumed that the Committee will not only consider current issues, but will give itself seriously to plans for the post-war period. The task abroad when the war ends is so stupendous that it staggers the imagination. Reconstruction of all kinds will be necessary. Relief calls will be many. As a matter of fact the work of Baptists abroad in practically every country will have to be rebuilt. This fact is both discouraging and challenging. We are deeply moved at the plight of our brethren. But we like they are not defeated. Greater opportunities are before us and we will use those opportunities to build a more comprehensive Baptist work the world around. President J. H. Rushbrooke has been giving himself without reserve from his station in England. Dr. Walter O. Lewis as General Secretary, has travelled far and wide in the United States and our neighbor countries giving information, encouragement and inspiration. Dr. George W. Truett, chairman of the Administrative Committee, has not spared himself in behalf of the Baptists of the world. When he opens the meeting in Washington next month he will do it with the knowledge that our suffering brethren are looking to him and the other members of the Committee for some practical word of assurance. It is certain also that those outside the Baptist fold will look to this meeting for a message that will indicate the interest of Baptists in all of the grave issues now confronting all of us. The meeting is indeed a timely one.

"Debt Free—In 1943"

MONTHS ago The United States Baptist asked Southern Baptists why they should wait until 1945 to pay off the remainder of their Southwide debts. It was suggested that the balance could be paid by the end of 1943 if they made up their minds to do it. Soon after The

United States Baptist made its suggestion an announcement was made that an effort would be made to liquidate every penny of the indebtedness by the end of 1943 and the slogan, "Debt Free—In 1943" was adopted. From all present indications the campaign will be successful. The Hundred Thousand Dollar Club under the direction of Dr. J. E. Dillard continues with gratifying results, and the contributions of Southern Baptists to the Unified Budget is reaching amazing totals. This is the year when Southern Baptists have an opportunity to take a forward step as the debt is eliminated and the entire resources of the Convention are released to project new work that has had to wait a long time. One of the great chapters in American Baptist history will be the chapter which tells the story of the Southern Baptist Convention almost to the point of bankruptcy and, discouraged over unfortunate incidents having to do with denominational funds. The story will tell of the courage of leadership and the loyalty of the constituency in the face of difficulties. It will tell of the campaign to pay the debts and thus uphold the honor of the Southern Baptist Convention. It will tell of the millions raised, the liquidation of the debt, and the amazing progress of Southern Baptists while this was being done. "Debt Free—In 1943." Southern Baptists will realize the goal.

When the "Army" Enters College

Many of the colleges of the United States, particularly the smaller ones, will be seriously affected by the plan of the Army and Navy to use some of these educational institutions as training schools for soldiers, and officers in the Navy. Just how much these colleges will be affected as a result of the changed condition which the war has forced upon them, it is not possible at the moment to state. Nor is it possible at present to say how many of them will be compelled to change their course, and what this change will mean to their future. The answer to these questions is dependent largely upon the final decisions of the war and navy departments as to which institutions they will utilize as training centers for their men, and also upon the length of time this war lasts and the continuing use of the schools remains necessary.

Further, the schools will be affected in varying degrees. Some of the smaller colleges, even if they are not given the aid which virtual government support for the time being furnishes, will be able to pull through the war period and continue on their course after the end of the conflict. Others may fall by the way and not find it possible to hold their heads above water.

It is generally believed and hoped, however, by all those who favor the present higher educational system of the United States that it will not be necessary for any considerable number of our colleges to close their doors. This hope is strengthened by the belief that the program which The Army and Navy are working on will entail the use of far more of the nation's college facilities than is generally anticipated. Estimates as to the number of men who will be sent to these schools for training vary all the way up to 250,000 or 300,000: but the exact number is not known as yet.

Nor will the colleges themselves be able to make plans for the future until announcement has been made as to which of them are to be used by the Army and Navy. In some reliable quarters there is a feeling that many of the colleges have been somewhat unduly alarmed over the situation. This is not because these colleges are not facing a serious and an uncertain situation; but because it is believed that ways and means will be devised to furnish some degree or aid to a great majority of them. It is not known yet, however, what other programs will be fostered in order to help keep the colleges of the nation going.

All of the colleges, both large and small, will be hit, in any event, by a great percentage of decrease in number of pupils during the present semester. As an illustration Harvard University which at present has 3,300 students will have this number cut almost in half by February, when about 1,400 of these students will be leaving. Other institutions throughout the country, both large and small, are expected to be hit in the same or, in some instances, even larger proportions.

The army will probably make use to a great extent of the larger universities and colleges, as it believes in training the men in larger units. The Navy leans more to the smaller colleges. As to the Navy college training program, a recent announcement said: "The plan will permit selection of the country's best qualified young men on a broad democratic basis, without regard to financial resources, and thus permit the Navy to train young men of superior ability to become officers and specialists."

One cheering note recently introduced into the controversy over this whole question was the announcement of President Dodds, of Princeton, that the New Jersey college would not abandon entirely, even during the war period, its program of liberal education, although this would be carried on for the time being on a somewhat limited and restricted scale. This announcement, however, was considered as encouraging to those educational leaders and schools which are eager and anxious to see our system of liberal education maintained and not crushed by the war. It is felt in these quarters that the more there can be held intact of this form of higher education, even to whatever extent may be possible during the disturbing days of war, the better will it be for the educational future of the country and of the world.

On this account these same leaders are hopeful that the great majority of our small colleges, even those not used as Army and Navy training centers, will be able to find means of support which will enable them to carry on, even on a limited scale, if necessary, and be prepared at the close of the war to resume their place once more in the front ranks of the nation's educational system.

The valuable and important part which the small colleges of the nation have played in its history and development is recognized by all educational leaders; and these institutions are praised for what they have accomplished and for the high standards of scholarship which they have maintained and which have infiltrated from them, through their graduates, into the moral and spiritual life of the entire nation. It is acknowledged that the country needs them; and it is hoped that they will be disturbed as little as possible by the troubles and difficulties into which the war has thrown them and that the great majority of them will survive to continue their good work in the days and years to come.

The American Colleges Will Survive

By ARNAUD C. MARTS,
President, Bucknell University

RECENTLY the New York Times carried a news report out of Washington in which an official of the War Production Board predicted "It is inevitable that several hundred colleges will not open next fall."

If this prediction was the only one of its kind it might be ignored by college administrators, but unfortunately it is typical of many similar statements that are being made by many persons in public life, and even by many college presidents who should, of all people, know better.

The prediction, of course, is based upon the war policy of our federal government which is expected to draft all college men of 18 years of age and over, who have not been inducted into the Army or Navy enlistment service. It is also based upon the expectation or rumor that many colleges will be "taken over" by the Army or Navy to give certain types of military training.

However, thoughtful college presidents and college trustees are not frightened by these gloomy predictions. The American college was conceived in the tradition of unselfish service to the nation and it is not easily scared by the prospect of being called upon to render such service at this time of crisis. On the contrary, the American college is deeply gratified to believe that it has an important part to play in the war effort, and is eager rather than reluctant to undertake its war duties.

The present emotion of the American college is not one of fear of what may happen to it in consequence of war conditions, but is one of regret that it has not yet been given clearly and authoritatively its distinctive job to do. We have been waiting for a whole year to be mobilized, to be "taken over", or to be called upon to render whatever service the nation requires of us, and those who are now prophesying dire things concerning the impact of the war upon the American colleges, may be surprised by the energy and patriotism and intelligence and effectiveness with which the colleges will throw themselves wholeheartedly into the war effort when our national leaders tell us what our part is to be.

One who prophesies that 500 American colleges will be closed next fall because of the effects of the war, simply does not know the quality of the American college. It is one of the most indestructible institutions in the history of civilization. One who has ever tried to "kill" a college, or even to merge it with a sister institution, can testify to the vitality of such an institution and to the loyalty of the friends of the college when it is in distress. The American college has at its heart precisely the same qualities that are in the heart of the Republic of the United States of America. The men who founded our colleges are the same men who founded our way of life in America, and they used the same materials. 500 American colleges are not going to go under in a single year in America as long as America herself continues to live. This is not to say that many colleges will not be faced with great difficulties and situations, but it is to claim that these colleges will show a resourcefulness for survival and their friends will show a generosity toward them in their crisis which will amaze the present Cassandras.

Those who know our colleges, not only know in their hearts that they are going to survive this present crisis, but know also that our colleges are going to survive with power. They are going to come out of this crisis stronger than ever, because of the manner in which they have met and conquered new difficulties. This has always been so in the history of the American college. Our own Bucknell University, for instance, faced a crisis in the Civil War when word came to the college campus in 1863 that the Southern Armies had invaded Pennsylvania. A crisis was precipitated of a far more severe nature than anything that faces us now. Every male student on the Bucknell campus, and every male member of the faculty walked out of the classrooms and marched down toward Gettysburg to help meet the invading armies. The college was closed for several months, but it re-opened again when the crisis was passed, and the memory of the patriotic manner in which the college met that crisis has become an ennobling and strengthening tradition which has contributed added self-confidence and power to every succeeding generation at Bucknell.

Nearly every college in America can recite similar chapters from their histories. This very spirit of unselfish public service and of self-sacrifice in behalf of America has helped to make the American college eternal in its very nature. Colleges, like men, discover the truth of the profound yet simple statement in the New Testament "Whosoever will lose his life . . . shall save it."

There are many things that a resourceful college administration can do to maintain the effectiveness of the college even during the difficult period that lies ahead, but constant repetition of the pessimistic prophesy quoted above, serves to weaken such resourcefulness and to stimulate a demand for federal subsidies of some sort or another. These latter will probably be needed by many institutions during the war emergency, especially if they are called upon to render contractual service to the Army or Navy. But far more important even than federal subsidy is the courage and determination of the college administrators to bring to bear all their own resourcefulness upon the solution of war problems. The nation surely owes survival to these colleges which have served it so well in the generations and centuries past, but the present leaders of these colleges will also bring to bear all their energy and resourcefulness and initiative in enabling their institutions to weather the storm and to grow in power through their spirit of unselfish service to the Republic. Generous men and women who love these colleges will help generously with their private subsidies and gifts. One such trustee of a fine college who read the above news report the other day, said to the president of that college "Don't worry even if you have only 75 students left in your college. We are going to keep the old college open and a going concern." This will be the spirit of many friends of the American college in the months ahead.

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The Family Altar

A home is never quite complete until the father takes his place, before his household, as a priest. I do not mean as an ordained minister, but rather as one who realizes that he is responsible for the spiritual interest of his household. It is not enough that we should provide for the mental comforts of our children. It is by no means enough that we should be concerned for their intellectual development. The spiritual nature must be cultivated, and the moral atmosphere surrounding our children carefully considered and properly developed. I know of no one thing that can so aid in doing this as that the day should begin with family prayer.

—*Baptist Standard.*

Hudson Heads Post-war Commission

Northern Baptists Set Up Clearing House for All Projects and Will Raise Million Dollars For Work

In the most important move of a decade Northern Baptists have organized for post-war construction by setting up a "Post-War Reconstruction Commission" with A. J. Hudson, Cleveland, Ohio as the head of the Commission. A million dollar budget has been adopted for the work of the Commission which will include all projects of Northern Baptists at home and abroad.

The purpose of the group will be to act as a board of strategy, to conduct surveys and do research work, and act as a clearing house for all post-war projects, home and foreign, to be conducted by the religious body. Although the commission has an unofficial status until the appointments are validated by the regular meeting of the General Council, the legislative group of the Northern Baptist Convention, it will begin its work at once. Its proposed financial goal will be a million dollars for the next fiscal year which begins in May. The commission is composed of four laymen, six clergymen, four national secretaries, three women, three state secretaries and one city secretary, representative of 33 states and the District of Columbia.

Representative Committee

Besides Mr. Hudson, the membership consists of Principal C. C. Tillinghast, head of the Horace Mann School, New York City; Mr. W. A. Staub, New York City; and Mr. H. J. Manson, Brooklyn, N. Y., treasurer of the Northern Baptist Convention; The Rev. Dr. C. E. Dawkins, pastor of the Peddie Memorial Church, Newark, N. J.; the Rev. Dr. C. W. Atwater, Indianapolis; the Rev. Dr. Gerald Watkins, pastor of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, New York; the Rev. Dr. Harold Jenson, Seattle, Washington; Prof. Herbert Gezark of the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Center, Mass.; and the Rev. Dr. W. M. Wilson, pastor of the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago.

Other members are the Rev. Dr. Earl Frederick Adams, general director of missionary promotion, New York City; the Rev. Dr. G. Pitt Beers, executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; the Rev. Dr. Jesse R. Wilson, home secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and the Rev. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, executive secretary, American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; Mrs. Howard S. Palmer, New Haven, Conn., president, Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society; Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, Providence, R. I., president Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and Mrs. H. G. Colwell of Loveland, Colorado, member of Finance Committee; the Rev. R. B. Deer, Philadelphia, executive secretary, Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention; the Rev. Dr. Roy E. Williamson, executive secretary, New York Baptist State Convention; the Rev. C. W. Gawthrop, executive secretary, North California Baptist Convention; and the Rev. Dr. A. M. McDonald, executive secretary, Chicago City Mission Society.

President Joseph C. Robbins, head of the Convention, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Hazen, corresponding secretary, New York City, are members ex officio.

War Stamps and Bonds

The post-war commission grew out of a representative meeting of denominational leaders which met recently at Chicago, in connection with the mid-year meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention, to examine post-war problems in relation to religious activities. The Finance Committee has proposed, for the next fiscal year, an extra post-war item of $1,000,000 as Part II of the regular budget. It is proposed to raise a large part of this million dollars through contributions of war stamps and bonds.

"In view of the emergency that has arisen because of the necessity of post-war planning by the Baptist denomination," the resolution passed yesterday by the executive committee said, "and in view of the emergency that has arisen because of the necessity of post-war planning by the Baptist denomination; and in view of the reports which have been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee as to the *imperative nature* of the emergency and the broad interest in such a program; and in view of the definite request from a group of representative members of the Northern Baptist Convention at a meeting held in Chicago on Wednesday, December 16, 1942; be it

"RESOLVED, therefore, that the President of the Convention be authorized to appoint a Commission on Post-war Planning Program, to serve until the session of the General Council in Chicago in May, 1943, and subsequently, also, if the Council shall so approve; that the Commission shall have such duties as shall be voted to it by the General Council; and that the Finance Committee be requested to allocate funds for the work of the Commission."

TRANSFERRING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - WHY?

By WALTER E. WOODBURY

People in the United States are moving by the millions today because of war conditions. This upheaval of population can be used by us Christians to extend our witness for Christ if we will. If every Christian who moves away from town will promptly join some church handy to his new location, it will strengthen the faith of the Christians where he now lives, exalt our Lord and Saviour there, give an increase of power to His gospel and to his high moral ideals and avoid for himself and family the danger of a serious break in Christian growth and deterioration in character because of the spiritual uprooting of the family. Cabbages that are *promptly* transplanted keep right on growing and form solid heads. With their roots left out to the air for a day or two, they may still live, but make worthless cabbages. So Christians who are transplanted need to strike in their roots promptly in the new place to which they move.

Few realize how largely every church in America is dependent on loyal Christians who grew up and found Christ in other places. In a recent meeting of over 200 church workers from ten or twelve Baptist churches in St. Paul, Minnesota, only eight were still working in the church where they accepted Christ. This is a typical response anywhere in the United States today. Upon moving to the new community, honest covenant-keeping Christians transfer their membership promptly and assume responsibility for the Christian cause in the church near their new home.

The surest way to close every Baptist church and Sunday school in the land would be for all members to retain their membership in "the old home church" and do nothing to provide Christian worship and instruction in the community to which they have moved. How fortunate that in many towns there are enough covenant-keeping Christians who have brought their membership from elsewhere to provide a fine church and Sunday school for every family moving into town. And yet the churches do not

exert one-half the influence for God and right that they might, if all who believe in Christ would unite with a church near where they now live.

When one returns to his old home, he is still welcomed by the old friends who delight to recall his having found the Lord there. After all, while transfer of membership opens the door wide into the new fellowship in the strange church, it makes no serious break in the ties that bind us to our former church. We always "belong" to the church where we made our first commitment to Christ, and we who are working members elsewhere are always free to pray for them, to write to them, to visit them, or to make them a love-offering whenever we can.

In the light of these facts what does your own good judgment say would be the right thing for you to do about your church membership, if you are among the millions who have located, at least for the present, at a distance from "the old home"?

If you will give the pastor of the nearest Baptist church the facts concerning your present church affiliations, he will gladly take care of the correspondence necessary. Then the door will be wide open for you to bear your witness for Christ where you now live by becoming a member of the nearby church. Do it now. Don't delay.

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Let's Go Home!

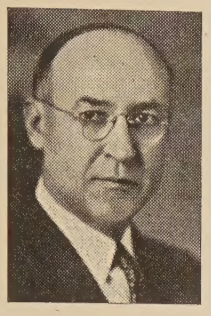
"Let's go home!" a small child said
To her little brother, tired from play
Throughout the livelong day: then led
Him slowly on the homeward way.
"Let's go home! Let's go home!
And sleep till morning's glory bright
To all the big round world shall come
And bathe us in God's golden light."

"Let's go home!" a sad wife wept
As by an open grave she bent
And vigil o'er a loved child kept
Whom God to her awhile had lent.
"Let's go home! Let's go home!
The night is coming on apace.
With morning light and sunshine bright
Again I'm sure we'll see God's face."

"Let's go home!" a woman prayed,
Her aged face with smile aglow
As death stood by the door and laid
On her his gentle hand, and slow.
"Let's go home! Let's go home!
It's dark down here; it's sad and drear.
I hear Him calling me to come;
I'll soon be near my Saviour dear."

Henry L. Sweinhart

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park



The war for the separation of church and state has not been won. A number of very prominent churchmen in Massachusetts have petitioned for the repeal of the law which provides free transportation for private school pupils. Included in the list is the name of Dr. E. C. Herrick, president of Andover-Newton Theological School.

The Executive Board of the General Baptist Association of Kentucky is leading the protest and battle against making the churches collection agencies of the Federal Government in retaining and remitting the Victory Tax. Ministers are willing to pay the tax but the churches should not be forced to become collection agencies.

The men of the First Church, Pasadena, Calif., where Dr. David J. Evans is pastor, have developed a program known as "M-Day" services. The program includes "a week night program, family meetings, ministries to service men, a personnel committee to serve as a clearing house for personnel needs of organized groups."

The Student Department of the Southern Baptist Convention fostered "Student Night at Christmas time" on December 27. Christian Education day was observed throughout the Northern Convention at the same time.

Rev. W. D. Upshaw, Atlanta, Ga., formerly a congressman from that state, is constantly in demand for special meetings. He recently held a meeting at Marie, Ga. Pastor Edward Straney in the Christian Index says: "It was a meeting in which God was glorified."

Baptists of Texas set as their goal for the Baptist Standard, 75,000 subscribers by 1945. At their recent convention in Fort Worth Editor McConnell announced they had passed that goal and then Texas Baptists changed the goal to 100,000.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, reporting in the Christian Index, says that Texas Baptists have 810,000 members as compared to Georgia's 530,000. That last year Texas Baptists gave through their regular channels $1,200,000 and in addition raised $338,450 on their indebtedness. The budget for this year was set at $1,300,000 which includes the balance of the state debt of $61,559. The state mission budget for this year is $438,750. And the Texas Baptist Foundation has grown in the past twelve years from $2,000,000 to $7,500,000. This Foundation holds all the endowment funds of all their institutions. The registrations reached 2,400, with about three thousand visitors.

Dr. Watson Kirk-connell in the Canadian Baptist calls attention to the fact that "in 1871 Canadians of Anglo-Saxon origin constituted 60% of the population but today they constitute only half the population." This group contribute 40% of the nation's births and are 87% Protestant, while the French-Canadians, 97% Catholic, contribute 60% of the nations births. He calls this trend "The Twilight of Canadian Protestantism."

The Churchmen's Committee for a Christian Peace, has addressed a "Christmas Manifesto" to Congress "to appoint a congressional commission on peace aims to be in continuous session while the war lasts."

Dr. John Baillie, professor of divinity in the University of Edinburgh, formerly of Union Theological Seminary, New York, has been elected moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Prime Minister W. M. MacKenzie King of Canada has issued an order prohibiting the advertising of "spirituous liquors, beer and wine throughout the dominion for the duration of the war, after February 1, 1943." They have also reduced the quantity of beer available by 10%, wine 20% and spirits by 30% and reduced the content of all distilled spirits to not more than 30% under proof.

The American Council for Judaism has been organized and application made for a charter. The purpose of the organization will be "to identify and define the Jew as a member of a religious community and nothing else." Provisional chairman, Rabbi Louis Wolsey of Philadelphia reports that they "are definitely opposed to a Jewish state, a Jewish flag or a Jewish army . . . but are interested in the development of Palestine as a refuge for persecuted Jews."

Dr. Charles L. Vemable in Christian Century reports the gift of the library of the late Arthur E. Holt of the University of Chicago to the Civilian Public Service camp at Merom, Ind.

THE PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT THE CONFLICT between the Roman Catholic church in different parts of the country with the law enforcement officers seeking to prohibit the Bingo gambling operations. In Cincinnati the police destroyed some 30 machines in one church. In this city the Catholics have been taking a toll of about $7,000,000 annually. In New York another conflict is going on.

THE NEBRASKA PASTORS' RETREAT WAS HELD EARLY IN JANUARY at the First church, Omaha, where Dr. A. J. Harms was host pastor. On the program were Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Dr. Peter Stiansen, Dr. W. James Niven, Rev. Paul J. Christensen, Rev. B. G. Field, Rev. B. H. Ward and the editor of this column.

BACONE INDIAN COLLEGE WAS HOST TO a large group of Indian missionary workers at a two-day conference in December. Prof. H. R. S. Benjamin of Nebraska, returned missionary from China, now teaching in Bacone was chairman of the conference.

DR. WALTER E. WOODBURY, DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM for Northern Baptists, will lead a city-wide visitation campaign in Chicago, March 21-25. He will be assisted by Dr. Charles Heaton of New Kensington, Pa., and Rev. R. N. Dutton of St. Louis.

VOL. 1, NO. 1, OF THE N.D.P. NEWS, a new publication of the Board of Education of the Northern Convention has made its appearance. N.D.P. stands for "New Development Program" of the Board of Education for its affiliated schools, colleges and seminaries. It tells us that "Merle Crowell, Sheppard Butler, and George H. Lorimer, former editors of American, Liberty and Saturday Evening Post, attended Colby College, Baptist school in Maine, within 22 years—1888-1910."

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS THAT A SURVEY REVEALS Sunday has ceased to be the day of rest of other years and has become the one big day for entertainment.

THE RT. REV. HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER, PRESIDING BISHOP of the Episcopal Church, has been elected president of the Federal Council of Churches for the next two years. At its meeting in Cleveland in December a plan to merge the seven national interdenominational organizations into the North American Council of Churches of Christ was launched.

THE METHODIST BOARD OF EDUCATION, headquarters in Nashville, has organized a "Church School Extension Corps to further religion among women in war industry areas." The corps is open only to women who are asked to serve a year, after taking a three months training course at Scarritt College.

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, celebrating its 125th anniversary in Philadelphia, reported that 10,000 church edifices in the U. S. are empty and announced its purpose to start work in these areas during 1943.

THE PROTESTANT VOICE, REPORTS that "if the Church of England has its way, Britain will soon see the secular school system giving a large place for religious study and worship in its curriculum, giving religious instruction in all primary and secondary schools with a daily opening act of worship in all schools."

DR. HARRY O. ANDERSON, EVANGELIST, is the new director and liaison chaplain for the U. S. Christian Commission, founded in 1862 by Chaplain Henry Clay Trumbull, under Abraham Lincoln, "to promote military evangelism in the camps of the armed forces."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOMES MISSIONS REPORTS that the Home Mission Board receipts for the past year were the largest since 1924; that the budget for 1943 is $733,207 and that the Society expects to pay off all the debts amounting to $223,000 this year. The Board's missionary operations cover 18 southern states, District of Columbia, Cuba and Panama, and the budget calls for $442,207. All officers and employed secretaries were re-elected for another year. Dr. Solomon F. Dowis was elected field secretary in charge of city mission work with a budget of $43,500 for work in ten southern cities.

A NAVAL FLIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF 600 MEN will be located at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Vol. 1, No. 1, of "Church and College," a publication of William Jewell made its appearance in November. The College has an enrollment of about 400, a decrease of only 4% under last year.

REV. DAVID W. WITTE, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION in Wisconsin has been elected director of Evangelism, thus bringing under one leadership these two important phases of the work of the State Convention.

RECENTLY FIRE DAMAGED THE MORREL HOUSE STORER COLLEGE, Harpers Ferry, West Va., to the extent of $10,000.

DR. MARK SANBORN HAS RETIRED AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Battle Creek, Mich., and accepted the position as area director of work among military stations and workers in defense areas located in the mid-western states. He will serve under the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

PRESIDENT FULGENCIO BATISTA OF CUBA has contributed $10,000 to a rebuilding fund being raised by the Quakers. He is a member of that religious society.

THE WILL OF THE LATE MARGARET A. JAMISON leaves the bulk of an estate valued at $40,000,000 to the establishment of the Arbuckle-Jamison Foundation for religious, charitable and educational purposes. The projects must be under "Protestant or undenominational auspices."

DURING THE PAST YEAR THE PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONAL PENSION BOARDS paid out pension benefits totaling more than $11,000,000.

DR. ALFRED CARPENTER, SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CAMP WORK, states that "every day two Baptist ministers enter the services of the armed forces as chaplains" and that now 428 Baptists are serving as chaplains.

THE WARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, PROVIDENCE, R. I., has elected as moderator Rev. W. H. E. Smith, a Negro pastor in Providence. This Association was organized in 1767 and is one of the oldest in America.

DR. E. SHELDON DOWNS, medical missionary, Tura, Assam, and Dr. E. S. Burket, missionary in West China, have arrived safely at their stations.

IT IS REPORTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 900 YEARS, the Westminster Abbey was made available to the U. S. Forces for a non-sectarian religious service in which Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen participated. The service was led by Captain James L. Blekeney, a Baptist Chaplain.

BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF MINISTERS CANADA'S TWO PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES at Toronto and Montreal graduated their senior classes Christmas. The Presbyterians report 100 vacant churches and 65 vacant mission stations.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS ARE UNDERTAKING TO ORGANIZE 100 NEW CHURCHES THIS YEAR. They have 96 associations and have a special survey committee in each one.

DR. JOHN R. SAMPEY, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN SEMINARY, has just celebrated his 79th birthday. President and Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller honored Dr. and Mrs. Sampey on this happy occasion, and Dr. Sampey presented to President Fuller a historic desk first owned by President James P. Boyce.

THE FIFTH AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, WILMINGTON, S. C., has erected a great educational plant and dedicated it as the "Charlie Jones Soong Memorial Building." Charlie Jones Soong, was the father of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. He was converted in Wilmington, educated in Vanderbilt University, ordained and returned to China as a missionary.

THE BAPTIST TRAINING INSTITUTE, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, has closed for the duration and its buildings are being used as a hostel for service men.

THE FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, HUNTINGTON, WEST VA., Dr. Edward B. Cunningham, pastor, has been remodeled at a cost of $50,000.

DR. JAMES WHITCOMB BROUGHER, SR., is serving as interim pastor of the Temple church, Los Angeles.

SOMETHING NEW! DR. FRANK TRIPP, pastor of the First church, Montgomery, Ala., has been granted a leave of absence to serve as chaplain. He has been commissioned with rank of Captain, and his church will supplement his salary, making it equal to what it was as pastor.

DR. FRED PALMER, FORMERLY STATE SECRETARY in Colorado, is serving as interim pastor for the First church, Columbus, Ohio.

THE FIRST SLOVAK BAPTIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dr. V. Vojta, pastor, has just celebrated its 25th anniversary.

MR. LESLIE LANGILL, WHO HAS SERVED THE MASSACHUSETTS BAPTIST CONVENTION as treasurer for 21 years, has announced that he will retire at the end of this year. He has kept the books, signed the checks and looked after the purchase, sale and safeguarding of the invested funds of the convention.

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Moral Courage

Moral courage is obeying one's conscience, and doing what one believes to be right in face of a hostile majority; and moral cowardice is stifling one's conscience, and doing what is less than right to win other people's favour. It is a calamity both in Church and State that this high-spirited virtue is not more common, and that opportunism is so general. Men are wanted everywhere with the courage of their convictions, who will not trim their sails to every popular gale, not change their creed at any one's bidding, but will follow conscience through fire and water.

—John Watson (Ian McLaren)

LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY TO ITS OWN MEN

By M. E. BRATCHER

One very important aspect of our ministry to Service Men is in providing the name and address of each man for the chaplain in the camp where he is located or to the pastor of a Baptist church near the camp.

The plan for doing this is already in operation if only each pastor will keep the State or City Secretary constantly informed as to the name and address of each man in service from his church. A list of all names and addresses should be given and then thereafter the name and address of each new man entering the service and each change of address ACTION is important since the men in should be reported immediately. QUICK these days are moving very rapidly.

Nearly 10,000 names have already been supplied, but there are several times that many Baptist men in service. Therefore, it appears that while many pastors have responded to this suggestion, there are still a large number who have not done so. We urge each pastor to cooperate in this most important phase of ministry to our men. We know from personal experience that many helpful contacts have been made through this method. Keep sending the names and addresses of your men to your secretary and he will see that they are sent to the state and camp in which each man is located.

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ONLY the strong can be free!

How often that phrase has rung out in the midst of a crisis to comfort or warn mankind.

It has been said of civilizations.

It has been said of nations.

It has been said of associations, selfish and unselfish.

It has been said of man himself.

Today we say it of our Baptist schools and colleges.

To us—as far as these Baptist institutions are concerned—there are three kinds of strength: spiritual strength, educational strength, and financial strength.

For Baptists it takes the power of all three to be free. We do not believe that Baptist schools and colleges can be free by being spiritually strong alone. We have faith in the spiritual. But we are not asking ourselves to think that our young men and women will shut themselves within ivied walls and search no further. That is for monks and nuns. Baptists do not ask their youth to become either.

But we do believe that our Baptist institutions must have a zeal for the spiritual and moral welfare of their students. We do believe that they should be definitely Christian institutions with faculties of Christian men and women. We cannot help but think that when in one city alone 400 students crowd the halls of a Bible School nightly to learn something about the Christian gospel that these same youngsters will be interested in Baptist institutions that provide them with an intelligent opportunity to get a Christian education.

We say there is strength for our Baptist schools in Christian forces.

We believe that our Baptist schools and colleges must be strong educationally. We believe in adequate professional staffs and high standards. We are convinced of the necessity for adequate dormitories and laboratories, for chapels and libraries, for gymnasiums and

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auditoriums. Not that they must be expensive or luxurious. But they are the tools with which our Christian men can work to lay the foundations and principles of service through training.

And lastly we believe that our schools must have financial strength. It is not the presidents of our Harvards, Yales, Cornells, and Princetons who are concerned whether they shall outlast the financial crisis caused by this war. They can look forward to taking up their work again when this crisis is past. It is rather the presidents of many of our small denominational colleges who are concerned over the future of their institutions.

We feel the time has come for hard-headed business administration of our schools and colleges. Basically this means that our college presidents shall be administrators, fund raisers, and publicists as well as educators or ministers of the gospel. It is not a task for weak men, but neither can we afford weak institutions. We ask that the Boards of Trustees of our Baptist institutions inquire into the administrative and financial capacities of prospective college presidents as well as their educational and theological attributes. Most great college presidents have been great fund raisers.

It is our judgment that Baptists everywhere will take pride and pleasure in the knowledge that their institutions have balanced budgets. We have faith that Baptists will be willing and interested in contributing generously to these institutions if they are approached in an intelligent way.

We believe that the failure of Baptist young people to attend Baptist institutions is not the lack of responsibility on the part of the churches, but a lack of adequate recruitment programs among Baptist youth by some of the schools.

Thus we speak out—as a voice in a time of crisis—that "only the strong can be free" and repeat our assertion that Baptist schools and colleges to be free must be strong — spiritually, educationally, and financially.

The Beating Heart Of Free China

By REV. J. S. WHALE

Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council
A sermon preached in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Reprinted from "The Spiritual Issues of the War."

"IN the forty-sixth Psalm and the first verse, it is written: 'God is our refugee camp, a very present help in trouble.' It is written thus in the Chinese version of the Bible—a translation which is here not only faithful to the ancient Hebrew, but also strikingly modern. Indeed, this modern rendering of words so ancient and so true is a symbol of China herself—the oldest of civilizations and the youngest of modern States. There is unbroken continuity between the ancient and distinctive culture born three thousand years ago in the basin of the Yellow River and the contemporary nation whose painful emergence during the last thirty years may yet prove to be the epic of our time. With astonishing patience and the most matter-of-fact heroism Free China is fighting to preserve her immemorial heritage and, upon the foundation of its essential values, to rebuild her whole life.

"Where is the organized centre of this resistance, this courageous work of reconstruction, now that Nanking and other great cities have fallen to a savage invader? Where is the beating heart of Free China her rallying point and effective citadel? The newspapers and the wireless bulletins often answer this question in terms of geography. They point us—truly enough—to that vast upland basin in the far West, completely encircled by high and broad mountain barriers; the Red Basin of Szechwan, drained by the great Yang-Tze River, which alone gives access to it through world-famous gorges, up which you used to nose your way for weeks, in a boat towed by a team of coolies. And though Japanese bombers now cross its eastern bastion, ten thousand feet high, in two hours, this vast upland basin of Szechwan is the fortress of Free China, its granary and its refugee camp. The river port of Chungking, its capital city, is the nerve centre of national resistance, and one of the great cities of refuge in this present evil world. We in the West know something of the horror of the refugee problem, but we know little of its magnitude until we try to take in the fact that the emigrant population in this refugee camp numbers forty-six millions. A figure to stagger the imagination, it nevertheless gives us some measure of the desperately difficult conditions under which one of the greatest of the world's democracies is working out its future.

"But the truer answer to our question transcends geography and economics; it can be given only in terms of a Spirit which animates and sustains the multitudinous life of China—that moral sense which is its distinctive genius. Only a fortnight ago a distinguished Chinese was speaking here in his old university on 'China at War,' and the point to which he returned again and again was the dogged patience of his countrymen in bringing moral victory out of the appalling evils which overwhelm them.

"It would be easy, of course, to idealize this well-known fact and to exaggerate the extent to which the modern renaissance of China has been influenced by the Christian Faith. Yet it is no mere wishful thinking but momentous truth, the meaning and scope of which are as yet beyond assessment, that the Christian forces in China have an influence out of all proportion to their actual numbers, and that for those whose faith and vision are directing this great people through the agony of modern war, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is indeed their refugee camp, and a very present help in time of trouble. China is no stranger, of course, to the follies and failures which curse the life of sinful man in every generation, but she is aware of the invincible power of ethical ideas as opposed to the naked forces of Real-Politic, and she lives by her age-long sense, however inarticulate, of that Truth which sets men free from all assaults of the enemy.

"For us, presumably, the supreme illustration of this spiritual warfare is the story of China's intellectual reconstruction, which may yet prove to be one of the most decisive facts of the twentieth century. On the eve of the war General Chiang Kai-shek addressed a great congress of school and university teachers at Kuling, telling them that nothing must be allowel to interfere with their work. 'War has begun,' he said. 'We have to begin at once, therefore, to prepare for peace. Go back to your schools and colleges and carry on your work in the knowledge that it is indeed national service.'

"Such a charge in such an hour could only have been given and received in a country with a profound respect for learning. The Japanese were quick to hear of it and to see what it meant. Their counterstroke was deliberate and immediate. China's universities, colleges and schools were attacked from the air as being the supreme obstacles to Japanese hegemony in the Far East. Not only lecture rooms but libraries were systematically marked down for destruction; indeed, it is doubtful whether human history records any comparable destruction of precious books and manuscripts. Nankai university in Tientsin was reduced to ashes. When Nanking fell the Sinological library, containing one of the most precious collections of Chinese books in the world, was systematically looted. The finest library in China, that of the Tsing Hua University in Peking, containing much that can never be replaced, was wrecked with devilish thoroughness.

"China's reply to this terrible vandalism has been described as 'the greatest intellectual trek in history.' If the phrase smacks of modern journalism, the story it cover is sensational enough. For teachers and taught in China have migrated *en masse* and taken to the mountains. Whole universities, laboratories, medical schools, teachers' training colleges and engineering schools have moved to the West, their libraries and technical equipment being piled on to junks, lorries, buses or pony back; students and staff making shift as best they could. Relentless pursuit by enemy aeroplanes has forced some of them to move from place to place three or four times. The Hua Chung College, Wuchang, has recently covered two thousand miles in its various migrations. Amoy university had to abandon its beautiful seashore campus for a mountain fastness 250 miles distant, which meant first going over sea to the mainland and then crossing two mountain ranges by precipitous roads where vehicles often come to grief. Much university life is now carried on underground in limestone caves or in L-shaped galleries cut out of the living rock.

"In short, there is not a single college or university functioning anywhere in occupied China to-day, but education is being carried on with unfaltering determination in what is coming to be called the 'new West.' China has a new intellectual centre of gravity in the provinces bordering on Tibet. This great inner China is indeed a refugee camp, the nursing mother of multitudes dedicated to the service of the future; its primitive little villages are now university centres; its ancient temples are lecture theatres. Thanks to the cutting of the Burma Road

and the isolation of Free China, prices have been soaring—a fact which particularly hits an academic community which had come to depend on western commodities. A gallon of petrol costs £2, a pair of shoes £7. But, to quote words which have become a national slogan, 'Whatever else stops, education goes on.'

"Fundamentally, our aid to China, like China's aid to us, is something spiritual. The Aid to China Fund is a mere trifle financially considered, but if we give to it because it is an effective symbol of our genuine desire for a new order of life throughout the whole world its value is enormous. Much depends, therefore, on the motives which prompt our sympathy. All depends on whether the allied nations and, finally, all nations will together look for the City that hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God."

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DISTRIBUTE $40,000 FOR WORLD RELIEF

New York—The World Relief Committee of the Northern Baptist has allocated $40,000 to various relief agencies. The committee expects to use $160,000 during the year for such work in foreign countries.

The meeting was held in the office of the Rev. Dr. Earle Frederick Adams, general director of missionary promotion for the denomination, with the Rev. Quentin Lightner, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, presiding as chairman. The program of distribution will be undertaken by the executive secretary of the committee, the Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, New York City.

The American Bible Society was allocated $3,200, the American Committee for Christian Refugees $5,225, and the American Friends Service Committee $4,000.

The Church Committee for China Relief received the largest gift of $11,900.

Prisoners of war, through the International Y.M.C.A. committee were given $5,000, and the International Missionary Council $6,400, with an additional $1,500 for Norwegian and Danish "orphaned" missions.

The World Council of Churches received $1,680 and the National Y.W.C.A. Board $1,200. The money allocated yesterday is part of the amount raised on Sunday, December 6, throughout the denomination, amounting to about $450,000. It is expected that the total goal for the year, $600,000 will be reached in the near future. The Northern Baptist Convention has just proposed that the World Emergency Fund be continued for another year with an asking goal of $700,000.

Plans for a commission on relief and reconstruction, with a budget of a million dollars, were considered at the meeting. If these plans are adopted this religious body will have for the next fiscal year—which begins March 1, 1943, a unified missionary budget of $2,818,000; a $1,000,000 Relief and Reconstruction Fund; and $700,000 for a World Emergency Fund, which would include a project for post-war church extension. The last two funds may be coordinated as Part II of the regular unified missionary budget.

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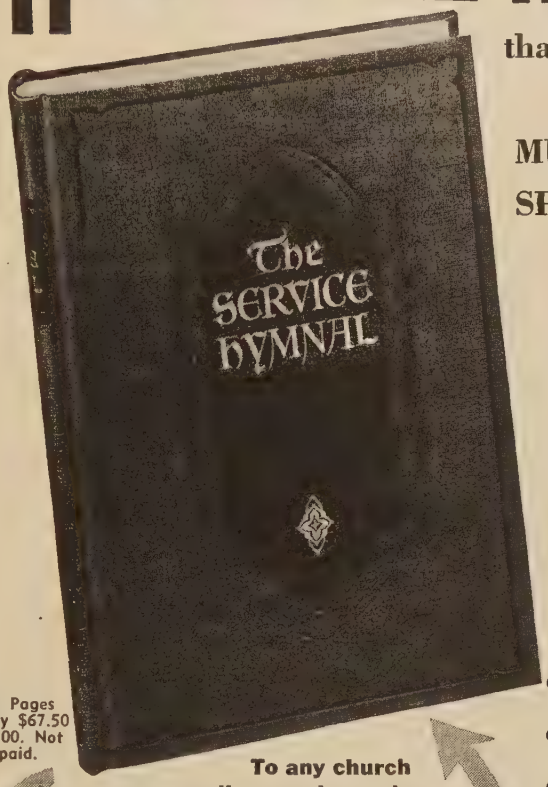

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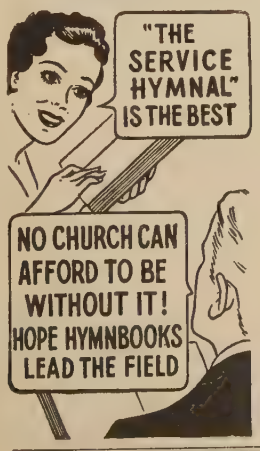

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The Story Briefly Told

What We Tried To Do

At the close of World War I Southern Baptists determined to enlarge greatly their missionary, educational, and benevolent work at home and abroad. A careful survey of needs was made; it was found that approximately $75,000,000 would be required.

It was decided to appeal to our people to see if they would provide this money within a period of five years. A campaign of information was followed by the taking of subscriptions. To the surprise and delight of all $92,000,000 was subscribed, $17,000,000 more than was asked.

The work of enlargement was launched; seminaries, colleges, orphanages, hospitals were enlarged and strengthened and new ones built; new mission stations were opened, new missionaries were sent out. The blessing of God was upon the work. We baptized more people that first year than in any year of our previous history. Then something happened.

What We Failed To Do

We failed to collect the subscriptions. Hard times came and many of our people could not pay. Those who led us in this enlarged work paid their subscriptions, they tried to get the rest of us to pay ours. Collections fell rapidly. Every effort was made to curtail expenses but they couldn't be cut as fast as collections fell off.

The five year period was extended but still we fell far short of our goal. We collected only about $58,000,000; this was $17,000,000 less than was asked and $34,000,000 less than was subscribed. Do you wonder we found our Southwide boards and institutions $6,500,000 in debt? The wonder is that it wasn't several times as much.

What We Did Do

Don't think the whole thing was a failure. In many ways it was a great success. We launched the largest program Southern Baptists had ever attempted. We bought property, erected or enlarged and equipped buildings. We opened mission stations. We made large payments upon this property and would have paid out in full and on time had it not been for the hard times that came.

For a while it looked like Southern Baptists were broke, indeed many thought we were and prophesied we would never pay out, but they didn't know Southern Baptists.

In the dark hour when it seemed we were hopeless the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was born. An effort was made to secure 100,000 members who would give $1.00 a month "over and above" what they were giving through their churches. This extra dollar was to be paid upon the principal of the debt; the agencies were asked to take care of interest out of regular receipts; our Sunday School Board agreed to take care of the expenses of the Club so that 100 cents out of every Club dollar would be (and still is) applied on the principal of the denominational debts.

We never got the full 100,000 memberships but we did get enough to save our reputation, our property, and our work; enough to strengthen our morale and re-establish our credit. Enough money has come through this Club to pay the salaries of 2,375 foreign missionaries for a whole year. Then the boards sold property where possible and applied the proceeds on the debt; and, where possible, payments were made out of current funds, so that now the old debt has been reduced from $6,500,000 to less than $1,200,000. Today we have $26,000,000 in financial assets, that is twenty-two dollars in assets for every dollar we owe. Southern Baptists are not broke.

And who can estimate the spiritual results obtained; the souls saved, lives blessed, orphans cared for, sick people healed, etc. It is as necessary and honorable to help pay for work already done as to subscribe for work to be done.

What We Still Need To Do

Southern Baptists have made a great record; they enjoy an enviable reputation; they are paying their debt 100 cents on the dollar; they are not asking any bank or bond holder to knock off a dollar. Their credit is A-1 plus.

But we need to finish paying this old debt and we need to do it now while we can. We have the money now, we have the encouragement now, we have the urgency now. We must get out of debt and get ready for a mid-war and post-war world program.

We can do it this year if we can get the full 100,000 memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club or the equivalent thereof. We have half of them, we can get the others if we do our best. January and February are the special months to get them. February 14, or nearest convenient Sunday, should be observed as Debtless Denomination Day.

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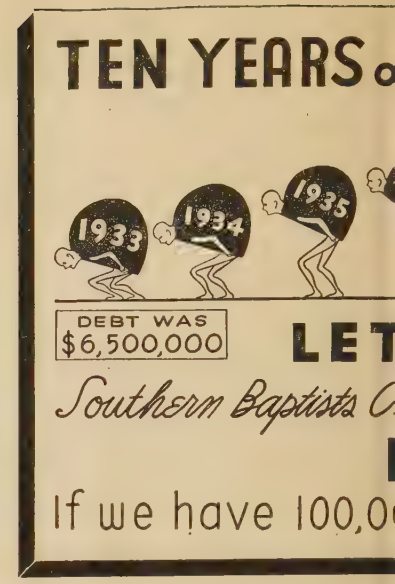
Debts on Southern Baptist Convention Agencies

as of January 1, 1943
(Approximately)

Foreign Mission Board	$ 60,000.00
Home Mission Board	156,000.00
Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary	180,000.00
Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary	171,000.00
Baptist Bible Institute	73,000.00
Baptist Hospital, New Orleans	150,000.00
Southern Baptist Convention Notes	335,000.00
Total	$1,134,000.00



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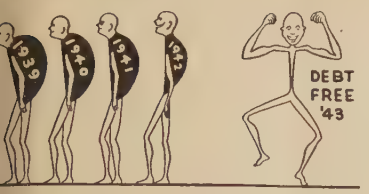

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The Way Out Plainly Stated

Everybody Helping

There is a plain way by which Southern Baptists can be Debt-free in '43. To raise $1,200,000 for debt is a big job, but it can be done. How?

1. By all our agencies continuing to operate economically and applying every possible dollar on their debts.

2. By all our denominational workers, state and Southwide, men and women helping with voice and pen and purse.

3. By all our pastors informing, inspiring, and leading their churches by planning, praying, preaching, and pleading for 100% co-operation.

4. By all our churches adopting worthy Club goals (suggest one Club member for every twenty-five church members), appointing Club committees, enrolling Club members, and taking cash offerings (each $12.00 counts one Club membership paid-up for a year.

5. By all Sunday schools helping churches reach their goals by putting on special programs in assemblies or departments on Debtless Denomination Day, and by making cash offerings to apply on debts.

6. By all training unions studying prayerfully and practically the lesson for February 21 and trying to get one or more Club memberships in each group.

7. By all Brotherhoods studying and discussing the statements from the beneficiaries of the 100,000 Club as given in the excellent *Brotherhood Quarterly* for February 14 and then acting upon the suggestions made by the editor on page 31.

8. By all Woman's Missionary Societies seeking to increase the number of Centennial and 100,000 Club memberships and urging all who can to pay their subscriptions in full and in advance to hasten the debtless day (see January *Royal Service*, especially p p. 6, 7, and 15).

9. By all Young Women's Auxiliaries reading the opening article in the January *The Window*. Think it over prayerfully and decide what your organization can do to help your church reach its Club goal and your denomination free itself from its old humiliating, handicapping debt.

10. By all R.A., G.A. and Sunbeam organizations reading especially February *World Comrades* p.p. 2 and 19, talking it over with leaders and parents and then deciding what your chapters can do to help in a big job. We want all our boys and girls to have a part and rejoice with us older ones when the debtless day comes.

11. By all Baptist Student Unions posting the poster "Ten Years of Back-breaking Debt" in the room where they meet and pray, and reading the article on Debt-Free in '43 in the February *Baptist Student* and then discussing them in one of their meetings, preferably about February 14. Let your heart speak.

We want all our people in all our work.

And You Can Help

Make it a matter of prayer and earnest thought, then decide what you can do to help your denomination be Debt-free in '43.

1. *Perhaps you can make a large love gift.* A brother in Texas gave $5,000; one in Georgia gives $100 a month; three good women gave $1,000 each; one gave her diamond lavaliere to help. What could you do that would do more good or bring you happier memories than to make a sacrificial gift to help your denomination get out of debt and stay out of debt?

2. *Maybe you would like to take a Memorial membership* ($100 cash) in the Hundred Thousand Club and join with 95 others who have done this beautiful thing in memory of their loved ones and friends.

3. *You certainly could* take a membership in the Hundred Thousand Club ($1.00 a month) and help us reach our goal of 100,000 who show their love and loyalty in this substantial way. Maybe you could pay for a year in advance and help save interest and hasten the day of victory.

4. *Everybody ought to be glad to make a cash contribution.* $12.00 is the equivalent of a Hundred Thousand Club membership paid for a year in advance. $1.00 pays for one month. Large and small gifts gladly received.

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World Alliance Administrative Committee Meets In Washington

First meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance since the Atlanta meeting will be held in Washington, D. C. February 10th. Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, chairman has called the meeting. Members of the Administrative Committee are: Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Walter O. Lewis, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Clifton D. Gray, Lewiston, Maine; Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. J. W. Decker, New York City; Dr. H. H. Bingham, Toronto, Canada; Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Plattsburg, Missouri; Dr. J. M. Nabrit, Nashville, Tennessee and Dr. G. L. Prince, Galveston, Texas.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET FEBRUARY 19TH

Public Relations Committee of American Baptists will meet in Washington February at Baptist Headquarters, 715 Eighth Street, N.W. A large attendance is expected to consider important questions now before the Committee.

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DR. C. E. MADDRY CALLS MEETING OF SECRETARIES

Foreign secretaries of the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions have been called to meet in New York on February 18th by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, secretary of the Southern Baptist Board. Postwar plans will be discussed, according to invitations extended by Dr. Maddry.

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Ease is the bane of churches and individuals. There is no place for Christians who take it easy. The world needs us to contribute the maximum of what we can give the world.

—*George W. Truett.*

D.D'.S FOR MINISTERS--William A. Elliott

DO RECKON WITH THE RECOMPENSE OF THE REWARD.

There can be, and there often is, a selfish aspect to rewards. One can follow Christ for the loaves and fishes today as when Jesus walked the earth. A minister may preach the gospel for the rewards that are involved. But it is a cheering thing to contemplate once and awhile the rewards of the Christian ministry. The peril comes when a minister makes the reward the controlling motive in his preaching.

It is not a legitimate motive, but reward should stimulate devotion and consecration to the task. Not all the rewards in the ministry are from heaven. Some rewards are very tangible and very terrestrial. The praise and commendation of good people; the honor bestowed on a good minister of Christ by the community in which he lives; the recognition of ability and effort; the comfortable living allowed by a grateful church; and the compensation that comes from investment in the lives of others; these all are very tangible rewards, and merit all gratitude.

But there are greater rewards than these, and every man of God values them above all else. The approval of God; the "well done, good and faithful servant" which the Spirit may whisper to the spirit of man; the consciousness that one is not alone in one's task, but that there is another, unseen, but no less real person, along side, who treads the weary way in loving and understanding companionship—this is the rich reward that comes to cheer the heart and warm the soul of every loyal minister of the Gospel.

Then when the sun has set, and the minister has come to the "last mile of the way," and he hears in his ears the swish of the boatman's oars, then to say with Paul as his unmooring: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness . . . which the righteous Judge will give me in that day." This is great reward. It may be the possession of every true minister of Christ.

DON'T DEAL IN HIGH EXPLOSIVES IN EVERY SERVICE.

There is the "dynamite" of God which is the gospel, and this is ever at the command of the preacher. But I am thinking of explosives of the preacher's own making. The disposition to throw a bomb into the congregation everytime one speaks.

I have known some ministers who take great pride in their ability to shock folks by one device or another. Some times it is by "skinning alive the people of their congregations and hanging their hides on the fence." Some evangelists do not think they have made a good start in meetings they hold until they have done this "with neatness and dispatch." They do not seem to know that when they do so they play into the hands of every enemy of the church, and one may hear the bunch say: "Just as I thought. I told you the whole crowd in that church is a gang of crooks." I should like to have an evangelist come to my church some time and treat my people as if they were at least respectable pagans, and not demons from the pit.

Some preachers like to shock their people by describing individual sins and saying before the congregation: "Thou art the man." A prophet I think did say that once upon a time, but as I recall the incident, he did not say it before the congregation. He stalked the sinner to his lair and said it to him.

Some preachers shock their people by exaggerated and unverified statements. A certain man invaded our State back through the years with a great sermon, as he thought, on the theme: "Hell in the High School." Perhaps there are three per cent of our students who have a yellow streak somewhere on their moral anatomy, but 97% are as fine as one can find in a year's travel. This man would indict the whole group by the example of three. A single sparrow does not make a summer, so I have heard; and it is well to remember that one black sheep does not make the whole flock black—unless the man who looks at them sees black. Explosives have their place and importance; but blasting sin is not always equivalent to shocking folks.

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DEATHS

Death has claimed Dr. George Washington Carver, 79, outstanding scientist connected with Tuskegee Institute since 1898. . . . Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, 86, president emeritus of Harvard University, who served as president for 30 years. . . . Dr. Howard R. Chapman, pastor of the First church, Northville, Mich., who served for 20 years as university pastor at the University of Michigan. . . . Dr. N. R. Drummond, 64, El Paso, Texas, who was a member of the editorial staff of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. . . .

And the Crozer Bulletin reports the death of Rev. John P. Filson, Long Beach, Calif. . . . Rev. Wm. John Green, 66, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . . Rev. Frank E. Cholerton, Tunkhannock, Pa. . . . Rev. George G. Craft, 96, Wayne, Pa., oldest living alumnus of Bucknell University and Crozer. . . . Chaplain Cuthbert P. Newton, 64, Fort Dix, N. J. . . . Rev. Eugene Parke Brown, 48, Philadelphia. . . . Rev. Genus E. Bartlett, 61, Columbus, O. . . . Rev. Philip Henry Clifford, 64, Brookline, Pa. and Dr. Narola E. Rivenburg, 54, for the past 15 years a member of the faculty of the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers, Philadelphia.

Also Rev. George F. Hambleton, Pittsburgh, Pa., who died as the result of being struck by an automobile as he returned from services in the First Baptist church. . . . Rev. John DiTiberio, pastor of the Federal Hill Italian church and Christian Center, Providence, R. I. . . . Rev. R. A. Craig, Colby, Kansas, pastor of the First Baptist church. . . . Rev. E. W. Pickering, Springfield, Ill. . . . Rev. William F. Meyer, Lansdowne, Pa.

And Dr. George F. G. Brown, Anglican bishop of Jerusalem, who was killed in a motor accident near Acre while returning from confirming a class of soldiers. . . . Dr. Louis B. Warren, Brunswick, Ga., who served as Superintendent of the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board from 1913 to 1922, increasing the fund from $70,000 to over $1,000,000. . . . Rev. O. R. McKay, 81, Indianapolis, Ind. . . . Rev. E. A. Winslow, 87, Searsmont, Maine. . . . Rev. Albert Lee Cooper, Hurricane, West Va. . . . Dr. M. A. Boyes, deacon in the First church, Parkersburg, West Va.

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Dr. J. W. Beagle Retires

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.—Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board since 1926, has retired from this position, his resignation being accepted by the board to be effective January 1. Dr. Beagle is living in Cynthiana, Kentucky, where he has been since becoming ill several weeks ago.

Missionary Work In Defense Area

By Hetty Evans

Wichita, Kansas, was a great aircraft manufacturing center before the war. Now the industry has expanded until the many people who have come in to work in the factories are overwhelming the city.

My most interesting work has been with the people living in Hilltop Manor —a government housing project just outside what was the city limits, but which is now included within the city. Here more than 5,000 people are living—mainly young married couples with children under school age. They have come from many states—New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, but the majority are from Kansas and Oklahoma. I sometimes wonder if there is anyone left in Oklahoma.

Most of these people have come from homes with plenty of room for children to play. Here in the government project, many are living in six-unit apartment houses, and the play spaces outside have no definite boundaries. Children do not know where their yard leaves off and their neighbor's begins. There are a few one-family houses, and a whole section of two-family houses. The buildings themselves are clean, neat and convenient. Shrubbery and flowers have been planted around many of them; but they are so close together that the lack of privacy is a tax on the nerves of many people. In the two-family houses there is a door in each end of the long rectangular building, a partition in the middle. This means the families have but one entrance to their home. It also means that the door of the neighbor next in line, is directly opposite, and barely ten feet away. The ground around many of these houses has not yet been grassed, and after a summer rain it is grand for mud pies and for mud-slinging, but a "headache" for many mothers. Lack of telephones, which cannot be obtained, Sunday work, overtime work, night shifts, absence of any kind of shop or grocery in the entire project, and "neighbor's children"—all tend to disrupt family life.

Most of the Housing Projects that I have seen have included a Community House for recreation and social life. Some of the people, however, have been living in Hilltop Manor nearly a year, but the Community House is still in the "blueprint" stage. There is nothing on the premises but homes, the project's office building and the maintenance buildings. The management has granted the use of PART of one of the maintenance buildings for religious purposes. A Sunday school has been organized and meets in one large room—kindergarten through high school. The adults meet in a back storeroom, surrounded by lumber, iron pipes, and mechanic's work bench, but nobody seems to mind. They are really better off than we are in the large room with more than 100 children. We have decided to take the children in two shifts, until we get the use of a public school about a half mile away. This is a newly erected building to help take care of the great numbers of children that have come in. The use of the new building will give us room for a well graded Sunday school. The plan was to use the school auditorium for church services, but since that has been cut up into classrooms, there is to be no auditorium. With public meeting space so limited, perhaps we shall come to see what good work can be done with small groups in individual homes. I have been suggesting and encouraging family devotions. One group of women (organized last spring) has been meeting for devotions, fellowship, and various programs of interest. We plan to organize two more. Young people of high-school age are greatly in the minority, but we have a small list of ten that are ready for a Sunday night home meeting. A community Sunday evening vesper service is also to be started. This will meet the needs of some that are unable to attend a morning service. The plan is to meet in the maintenance building which will, of course, accommodate only a limited number. Perhaps if we fill it, the Community building will come more quickly.

The Week-day Schools of Religious Education make a fine contribution to the life of the children of this city. Over 6,200 children are enrolled this year. Three teachers, including myself, are teaching 135 children. We meet in a little Free Methodist church near the public school. If we can find more teachers we shall try to increase our enrollment.

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Fruits of Drunkenness

Some of the domestic evils of drunkenness are houses without windows, gardens without fences, fields without tillage, barns without roofs, children without clothing, principles, morals, or manners. Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the children, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirit in the whole constitution. —*Benjamin Franklin.*

LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins has just celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of the First church, Abilene, Texas, during which time he has welcomed 9,954 new members. . . . Charles Berg has served as sexton of the Grand Avenue Baptist church, Davenport, Ia., for 52 years. . . . Rev. Shirley Donnelly, has served the Oak Hill church, in West Va., for 20 years and is now on leave to serve as a Chaplain. . . . Rev. Oscar Perkins has just finished 16 years with the Memorial church, Port Arthur, Texas. . . .

And Dr. W. A. Hewitt, has been with the First church, Jackson, Miss., for 30 years, during which time the church has grown to more than 4,100, building a house of worship costing more than $500,000. . . . After 12 years with the First church, Salamanca, N. Y., Rev. Russell Moore has resigned to become pastor of the First church, Batavia. . . . Rabbi S. Felix Mendelssohn, has just celebrated his 25th anniversary with the Temple Beth Israel in Chicago. . . .

Also Dr. E. Leroy Dakin, after nearly 16 years with the First church, Milwaukee, has resigned to become Field Representative of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors . . . while Dr. L. C. Trent has celebrated his 20th anniversary with the Woodruff Place Baptist church in Indianapolis.

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Selection No. 1

PREACHING FROM THE PROPHETS. By Kyle M. Yates. Broadman. 225 pp. $2.00.

Dr. Yates has been interpreting Old Testament to ministers for twenty years at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and in this book, written for all students of the prophets, he has primarily ministers in mind. He is convinced that the "prophets were preachers who had color, courage and dynamic qualities," and that "their books will provide material for effective preaching." Many of the problems confronting and confusing our age were met by the Hebrew prophets, so that "the truths they presented are ones needed for this generation."

Textual criticism and theological dogmas are avoided, but the author's preferences are frequently recognized. The method followed is clear and comprehensive. Eighteen Hebrew prophets are presented, including Moses, Jonah, Joel, concluding with Malachi. Each is introduced by a brief study of the political, social and religious conditions of his time. This background is too sketchy to be taken alone. It should be supplemented by suggested books. Then the life of the prophet is studied rather uniquely. The prophet is made to stand out as an individual. The book he wrote is studied briefly. This is followed by "Preaching Values," and, "Some Practical Lessons of Permanent Value." Index of names, places and scriptural references enhance the value of the volume. The book is easy to read and contains much pertinent sermonic material.

Selection No. 2

PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS TRUTH. By Thomas H. Hughes. Macmillan. 160 pp. $2.00.

This book is selected as a Club number because it is perplexing; almost Freudian in its treatment of the subject. It is, nevertheless, exceedingly provocative and almost revolutionary in its suggestions as to how psychology has influenced and contributed to theological thinking. Psychology he claims "can open out avenues of truth regarding the place and the foundation of religion in the nature of man. It can give us guidance on the way man has reached his idea of God as the basis of religion." It offers deeper understanding of such problems as sin, conversion, etc. It can throw light on "the chief doctrines of religion," and "on revival and mission phenomena." The chapter on "Psychology and the Doctrine of Sin and Atonement" is well worth the price of the book. The distinction made between sin and moral disease is worth careful study, as is, in the same chapter, the appraisal, from a psychological point of view, of various doctrines of the atonement.

Reviews

The Interpretation of The English Bible. By B. H. Carroll. Broadman. 13 vol. $15.00.

The Broadman Press has recently acquired full ownership of this constructive, commanding, and conservative exposition on the entire Bible, reducing the price to $15.00. Two things are outstanding about the set: the excellent binding and printing, and the enormous amount of original teaching and preaching material packed into the volumes. Dr. Carroll mastered the art of expression. His words grips and stimulate the mind, quicken and inspire the spirit, and encourage and comfort the heart. As long as men read the Bible Carroll's commentary will be an enlightening companion. While critical exegesis is ignored scholarship is ample. To human problems are applied the teachings of the scripture. Only a man who knew and loved not only the Bible, but people could have written this exposition. It speaks from the heart of the Bible to the heart of man. Pertinent questions, answered in the contents, follow each chapter.

Increasing Church Attendance. Albert H. Gage. Zondervan. 153 pp. $1.00.

The author does not ignore the importance of promotion, new technique, and the unique in attracting people to church, but offers prudent and practical suggestions along these lines. He does not, however, place the emphasis on these methods. The church that will increase in attendance must follow a well-balanced program of Christian education.

If it gives attention to children, the sick, the stranger, worship, edifying services, and perplexing problems, making the church meaningful and purposeful to individuals, then, and not until then can it expect attendance to increase. The importance of gaining loyalty to Christ and His church is discussed. The church must be definite and specific, knowing what its true ministry is. Ministers, patient and persistent practice of the suggestions offered in the book will Increase Church Attendance.

Christian Symbolism In The Evangelical Churches. By Thomas A. Stafford. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 176 pp. $2.00.

It is a puzzle how a book of this high quality, with expensive diagrams, illustrations, drawings, and photographs, illustrating the subject-matter could be published at $2.00. The volume fills a definite need, covering adequately the most important subjects on Christian symbolism. After discussing the historical and spirittual signficance of symbols, and suggesting their proper use, he explains the symbols of the Trinity, of Christ's suffering, of doctrine and ideas, of New Testament characters, of the church, and symbols associated with sacred monograms, stars, church architecture and furnishings.

What We Can Believe. By Randolph C. Miller. Scribners. 240 pp. $2.00.

This brilliant, mentally disturbing and stimulating books was written to fulfill a fourfold purpose: 1. To drive out doubt and skepticism by intelligent belief and abiding faith. 2. To bridge the gap between the thinking of the clergy and the average church member. 3.To give purpose and vision to modern religious education. 4. To present a point of view stating "some of the essential beliefs of Christianity in terms suitable to the modern man, taking into account the great heritage of Christianity." There is no hedging or evading issues by this young Seminary professor, but he goes directly to enquire what is the task of the church in this perplexed and bewildered world. He asks, "What is the place of faith in God, Christ, the church, Bible, prayer, man the coming Kingdom, and Christian beliefs in today's world?" An invaluable book.

Sermon on The Mount. By C. F. Andrews. Macmillan. 175 pp. $2.00.

This represents the last written work of Dr. Andrews. The book is priceless in that the author lived out in his life the principles of this sermon. Tagore said of him in his "Foreword," "In the midst of the world's anguish this book will renew the message of undying peace and love to which the great friend of humanity, C. F. Andrews, bore testimony." He called this message of Jesus

"the law of love," insisting that it was the only guide that could save civilization. He pleaded, in his life, and in his final message that this "perfect desciption of the Christian character at its highest point" become an actuality in the life of all Christians.

The Road to Fulfillment. By Benjamin Rush. Harpers. 246 pp. $1.50.

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They Made Him Christ. By Walter P. Bradley. Christopher. 348 pp. $3.50.

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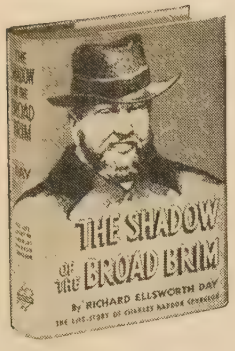

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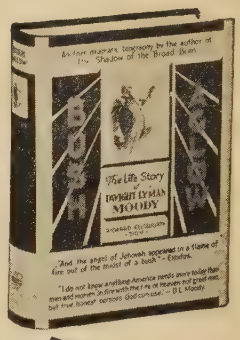

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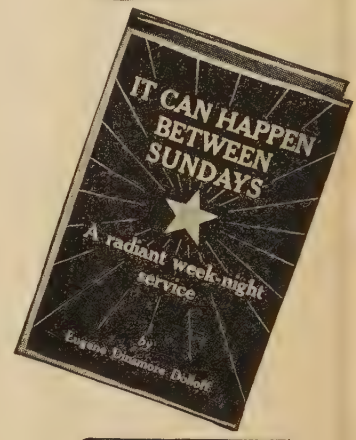

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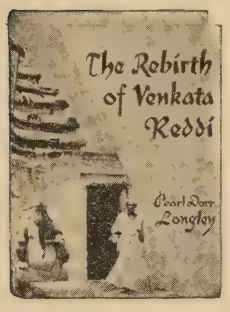

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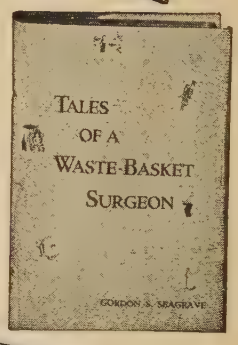

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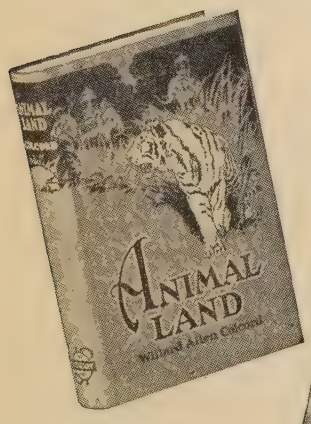

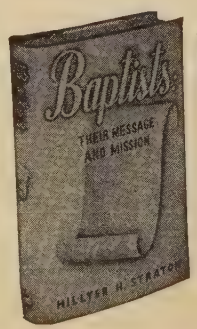

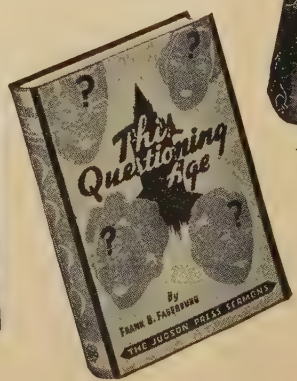

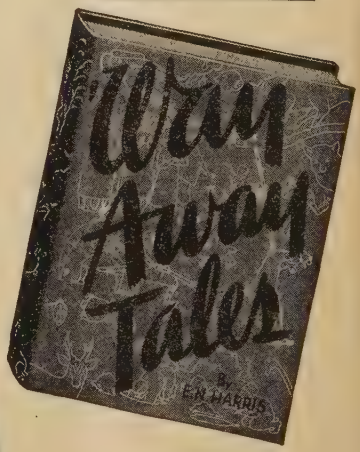

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Convention Finances Show Upward Trend Over Last Year

(See table on next page)

The Treasurer's report at the Board Meeting January 11th reflected a positive attitude of cooperation upon the part of the churches of the Convention. Major Smith stated that receipts of $14,-101.79 from the churches during November, December, and the first eleven days of January were over double the gifts of a similar period of last year. The last minute budget payments of many of the churches in October usually reflects in a small income to the Convention treasury during the following three months. The fact that some churches have fiscal years ending in October, some in December, and others in April tends to make gifts sporadic. If the treasurers of our churches could find it possible to send mission gifts monthly, it would greatly simplify the duties of our Treasurer. Such cooperation would be most appreciated. The Convention officers and staff are most grateful for this present splendid showing and heartily thank the churches for their cooperation in facilitating the work of the Convention.

Additional expansion in phases of mission work dealing especially with placement of Sunday School units in unchurched areas and establishment of church related centers for government workers necessitates our sympathetic approach to the privilege of our suggested offerings for April and October. In the discussion of the budget prior to its adoption, it was seen that such special efforts would be necessary. The frank presentation of a sharing program could be calculated to enlist the interest and support of many of our worship visitors. If we left this matter entirely up to 20,000 members of our own churches, it would mean an average individual contribution of 65c for the year, or 32½c given at each special day. Surely every Baptist in the District of Columbia would be anxious to dedicate one dollar this year to guarantee freedom of worship and

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Sunday School Officers and Teachers:

Are you availing yourselves of the opportunity of study and the sharing of experiences which are made possible in the monthly meetings of our Baptist Sunday School Association. Reserve the first Monday of each month for these meetings. We feel that you will enjoy them.

Miss Pearl Rosser and Child Evangelism

Within recent weeks Miss Pearl Rosser of the Publication Society has appeared before several groups of Washington Baptists in the interest of an experimental plan in child evangelism and enlistment. At the time of this writing, it appears that several of our churches will enter into this program under the leadership of some of their choice young people and Sunday School workers. Anyone interested in this plan, who has not been in any of the meetings to study it, may secure information on it from our office.

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RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD ACTION

1. That Article (17) of the Certificates issued under the several Ministers Retirement Plans be not interpreted as terminating the membership of any minister who has become or becomes a Chaplain during the present war, even though such Chaplain has moved or may move outside the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. We do not consider the entrance of a minister member into the service of his country as a Chaplain as tantamount to leaving the work of the denomination, or as moving outside the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, although he may in fact do so. This interpretation shall cease to be binding on the Board on termination of the present war.

2. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the rule that no beneficiary of the Ministers Retirement Plans shall be employed as supply pastor for one church for a period of more than two months in any one year without relinquishing his retirement benefits for such period in excess of two months.

Adams Will Head Convocation Team Here February 26th

Dr. Earl F. Adams, executive secretary of the Council on Finance and Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention, will head a Convocation team which will hold an all day meeting here February 26. The meeting will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church beginning at two o'clock.

The Convocation is one of many being held throughout the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention for inspiration and to inform the churches about the program of the denomination.

Churches of the District are expected to send large delegations to this important meeting. The Convocation will widen their vision and increase their enthusiasm for the missionary task of the church.

A dinner will be served at six o'clock with a unique program to be provided by members of the Convocation team, and others. The evening session begins at 7:45 o'clock and will be featured by an inspirational address by Dr. W. M. Wilson, pastor of the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago.

An open forum will be held in the afternoon session at which time various problems confronting the churches during the present emergency will be discussed. Rev. Edward H. Clayton, missionary to China, who recently returned on the Gripsholm, will tell of his experiences when Japan first invaded China. Mrs. Earl Breeding, Scarsdale, N. Y. will speak for the laymen of the churches.

Sunday School Officers and Teachers:

Remember to reserve the week of April 5th to the 9th for our city-wide Christian Leadership Seminar at Calvary Baptist Church. At least five courses of interest to Sunday School workers are to be offered.

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NEWS BULLETIN

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Famous Missionary Dies

Mrs. Anna Bagby, who with her husband, the late Dr. W. B. Bagby, was the first Baptist missionary to Brazil, to which Latin American country they went in 1881, died the latter part of December last at the ripe old age of 87. She had served as a missionary of the Southern foreign mission board for 62 years. Daughter of Dr. Luther, one time president of Baylor University, Texas, she was moved to enter the mission field by a sermon preached by her father. The five children of Dr. and Mrs. Bagby—two sons and three daughters—all followed in the footsteps of their parents and became missionaries, four of them in Brazil, the eldest daughter as the first Baptist missionary to Argentina. Dr. and Mrs. Bagby organized their first Baptist church after going to Brazil at Bahia, one of the first members being a converted Catholic priest. Mrs. Bagby had lived during the later years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Harrison, at Pernambuco.

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Father of Dr. Pruden Dies

James Richard Pruden, father of Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, died at his home, Chase City, Va., on December 21 last at the age of 72. A native of Northampton, N. C., Mr. Pruden had gone to Chase City as a young man and there married Miss Fannie Hughes who survives him. Another son, George B., who was associated with his father in business, also survives. A man of deeply devoted religious nature, Mr. Pruden was an active member of the church which he served in many ways. He was treasurer of the Chase City Baptist Church for 46 years, until the time of his death a few weeks ago.

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Convention Finances

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impact of things spiritual to the "stranger within our gates."

No dates have been set by the Convention for the special effort, but April and October will be emphasized as appropriate months. The local church may select its own day and quota and the extent of participation. Special envelopes will be available to all churches on request. April will be Youth Revival Week in many churches. Let's make it Youth Survival Week also by our concerted effort to share in the Ministry of the Word through our gifts.

Gifts from Churches

Name of Church	*Gift on Budget*
Anacostia	$ 100.00
Bethany	196.45
Bethesda	57.50
Brookland	500.00
Brookmont	30.00
Calvary	3,750.00
Capitol Heights	25.00
Centennial	380.90
Chevy Chase	500.01
Congress Heights	.....
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Fifth	794.00
First	1,666.66
Fountain Memorial	165.00
Grace	.....
Hyattsville	132.00
Kendall	.....
Luther Rice Memorial	80.00
Maryland Avenue	143.45
Metropolitan	.....
National Baptist Memorial	3,000.00
North Washington Highlands	160.00
Petworth	400.00
Church of the Redeemer	.....
Riverdale	.....
Second	900.00
Silver Spring	300.00
Takoma Park	250.00
Temple	75.00
West Washington	435.92
Wilson Avenue	60.00
Wisconsin Avenue	.....
Total Receipts	$14,101.79

Summary of Budget Expenditures

	Appropriated	*Expended*
Administration	$ 10,350.00	$ 1,461.33
General Fund	7,000.00	611.61
Education	8,500.00	1,392.49
Institutions	15,800.00	4,400.00
Promotion	6,100.00	557.59
Missions	33,500.00	2,773.29
Conventions	20,250.00	2,000.06
Totals	$101,500.00	$13,196.37

District Of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation

The attention of all Baptists is invited to the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation. At the Board Meeting of the 11th, Reverend C. B. Austin submitted the charter and by-laws of the foundation for the consideration and adoption of the delegates. On page 16 of the 1939 Minutes of the D. C. Baptist Convention a copy of the charter will be found. The purpose of the foundation is fully explained and includes all missionary, educational, and philanthropic enterprises in which those who care to participate through legacies or gifts may have their wishes carried out in future years by the foundation.

After the election of the officers a full explanation of the method of participation will be made in a later issue of the bulletin. Throughout the years this foundation should provide a medium through which interested individuals may project their religious interests over a period of time, and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention may enlarge its activities.

The following trustees were elected after the adoption of the by-laws:

One Year—Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Mr. E. B. Shaver, Mr. E. Hilton Jackson, and Rev. C. B. Austin.

Two Years—Rev. John E. Briggs, Mrs. J. G. Yaden, Mr. W. W. Everett, and Miss Ellen T. Rider.

Three Years—Mr. Herbert W. Primm, Mr. Claude Livingston, and Mr. W. R. Frank Hines.

The Board also elected Mr. Herbert W. Primm as Fiscal Agent for the foundation.

INFORMING FACTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF MISSIONS AND PROMOTION

You are invited to visit the Avondale Mission at 4619—21st Street, North Woodridge, which now serves as a place of worship and a meeting place for the Sunday School classes of this area, as well as a home for Reverend Paul Bell, who is field worker for this area. From this point we expect to expand and work to the Queens Chapel Manor and Green Meadows localities through the cooperation and service of those who are now making up the Avondale membership. The Sunday School now has an enrollment of 69, and it has had a total attendance of over 500 since the establishment of this mission. In the near future it is expected that the membership of this area will petition for the constitution of a church and will take over the present work of this section, leaving Reverend Bell free for work in other areas.

The Minnesota Avenue Mission also invites the interest of our membership. The location is 3738 Minnesota Avenue, Northeast. There are over 400 Baptists that have been discovered in this immediate area with the probability that 300 more will be found by the time this survey is ended and the mission is ready for its constitution as a church. Mr.

Charles H. Rickman, field worker for this area, announces that the mission could use several articles of furniture which some of the churches may have available and not in use. Any nursery, beginners, or primary class chairs would be very much appreciated. This work is growing rapidly and is deserving of our attention, support, and our prayers. Mrs. Johenning, working under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Association, is spending a part of her time each week with the homes in this area.

The work among the negroes, maintained for sometime by Mrs. Johenning, is now being enlarged to include wider areas and a greater number of meeting places. This phase of our work may be comparatively new to a number of our churches, but has a very definite place in the general mission program of the entire Convention. You will hear more from our negro work as Mrs. Johenning has opportunity to devote more time to the development of this service.

Miss Evelyn Mills is conducting a survey with the assistance of churches adjacent to war-worker centers, looking to the establishment of suitable facilities in these centers for our government workers. It is expected that this need, together with the hotel and dormitory needs will be met by the concrete establishment of operating centers within the next two months.

May we suggest that each church assume the responsibility of appointing or electing some person within its membership who would have the responsibility of distributing the bulletins sent to the church each month and such other material of publicity nature from both Conventions as may be useful to our churches. For the present we do not plan to mail our bulletin, although with the development of the plans of the Department of Promotion, this would be a desired end. It is the sincere desire of the Convention staff to have placed in the hands of the members of our churches such material as might be helpful, interesting, educational, and spiritual. We believe that an informed membership will be a cooperating membership. We expect to add to the news information of this bulletin more and more news of the churches so that we may begin to feel that we really know one another since we see that our problems, difficulties, and blessings present more likenesses than differences. A publicity director in each church would be a fine service rendered to the church and the Convention. Who will be the first to list their director with us?

Our next issue will place special emphasis upon the coming Youth Revival Program in April and will suggest ways and means for our special offering during that some month. This month we are all quite interested in the success of the Convocation to be held at Calvary February 26th, which is well covered by Dr. Cranford in this month's issue. The committee for the promotion of this Convocation have all taken their responsibility seriously, and we shall miss a great period of inspiration if we do not take our privilege just as seriously.

LOST—Twenty families from a Sunday School in a Baptist Church. Reason: Living in an unchurched area and afflicted with the transportation problem. Reward for one in that unchurched area who will provide a room and a time for the meeting of a Sunday School class, and the Department of Missions will furnish the literature.

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NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE SECRETARY OF THIS Department joins with other Washington friends of Mr. Andrew Allen, Secretary of Elementary Sunday School work of our Sunday School Board, in extending to him his most heartfelt sympathy in the recent loss he and Mrs. Allen sustained when fire destroyed their home in suburban Nashville. Not only did the Allens lose their home with its complete furnishings and their automobile, but their sixteen months old baby girl, who was asleep in a second floor room. Surely this most tragic experience in the family of one of our denominational leaders touches each of us to the deep.

RECENT CHANGES IN the staff of the Sunday School Board at Nashville are as follows: Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood has been requested to remain with the Board in its Elementary Division until June 1st before her retirement takes effect.

Miss Pauline Hargis is a new addition to this department specializing in Beginners Sunday School work.

Within a few months Dr. J. O. Williams, at present the Business Manager of the Board, will become the head of the Departments of Education and Promotion.

Mr. Joe Davis Heacock, formerly of Oklahoma City, has been elected to head the Department of Associational B.T.U. work, succeeding Chester Quarles who has gone into the pastorate.

Mr. Henry C. Rogers, formerly B.T.U. Secretary of Tennessee, has been elected to head the Department of Intermediate B.T.U. work, succeeding Miss Elaine Coleman, recently married. Miss Coleman, as well as Mr. Quarles, are familiar to some of our Washington people as they have been here in training schools.

THOSE OF OUR Sunday Schools who are following the various Standards of Excellence as offered by the Sunday School Board will want to check to be sure that they have the new issues of these standards. The format and size have been changed in almost every instance, the resulting product being more attractive and usable. A small supply of these is on hand at our headquarters here. Special attention is called to the General Sunday School Standard of Excellence. In its new form, it appears with illustrations as well as several colors of ink.

ANY INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT or class which reaches and maintains its standard for any three consecutive months beginning with October 1st, 1942, is eligible for an attractive blue and white shield indicating their attainment of the standard. Should they maintain the standard for a year, a gold seal is available. This policy is now to be followed instead of the issuance of felt pennants for such recognition.

IT IS NOT TOO late yet for those of our schools desiring to do so to enroll in the third year of the Baptist Church School Advance. This splendid plan as promoted by our Publication Society will add greatly in increasing the effectiveness of any Sunday School. A few copies of the Work Kit and posters still remain on hand in our office. These may be secured for $1.00 each, the manual for the promoting of the Advance being included in this price.

Several copies of the Adventure Packet, setting forth the plans of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, also still remain in our office. These likewise may be secured for $1.00 each and contain attractive posters as well as suggestions for the inauguration of the Baptist Youth Fellowship in a local church.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of B.T.U. study course awards for the year 1942 as issued by the department at Nashville indicates that our Washington churches received 700 awards distributed as follows:

Administration Awards	129
Adult Awards	228
Young People Awards	106
Intermediate Awards	135
Junior Awards	102

MUCH INTEREST IS shown in the progress that is being attained in the organizing of a Baptist Training Fellowship Association. This organization will seek to promote more effective work on an enlarged scale in cooperation with the

various Sunday evening society-type meetings in our local churches, giving promotional emphasis to whatever type of plan the local society works under, as well as providing a fine opportunity for fellowship and inspiration between the churches.

THIS DEPARTMENT WANTS to urge all those connected in any way with the Sunday School and young people's work in our churches to avail themselves of the splendid program being offered in the Northern Baptist Convention Convocation scheduled to meet in Calvary this month.

Activities Report

At the regular Executive Board Meeting of our Convention on January 11th, the Secretary of the Christian Education Department brought an interesting survey of the recent work of that Department. A digest of it follows:

The B.S.U. Secretary, Mr. Howard Rees, during the months of October, November, and December led 51 student meetings. He averaged from two to four conferences a day with students and other young people. The annual B.S.U. Convention was held in November, speakers on the program including Dr. George Sadler, Dr. Claude Broach, and Dr. Raymond Seeger. Two medical students in the B.S.U. are considering medical missions as their life work upon graduation.

Gaye L. McGlothlen, Secretary of the Department, made his report covering November and December. During those months he attended Christian Education conferences in Reading, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Nashville, Tennessee. He preached 7 sermons, gave 7 addresses, 9 lesser talks and taught 6 study course periods, a total of 129 messages before 1928 people; and conducted 113 individual and group conferences.

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A classmate of our Secretary of Christian Education, Chaplain Wm. G. Winstead, is now stationed in one of the Army centers in Washington. Chaplain Winstead will be able to use discarded magazines and religious literature. He especially would like a discarded piano, radio, and some small tables. Should any of our people have such material available, kindly call Atlantic 1073 and ask for Chaplain Winstead.

EFFECT OF CHANGES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPON SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is quite probable that one of the important factors affecting the decline in Sunday School attendance in our Baptist Sunday Schools in recent years is the rather marked reduction in public school enrollment in many sections of the District of Columbia. Naturally, pastors and Sunday School officers have been concerned about the falling off in our Sunday School attendance. We have known that although newcomers have been arriving in Washington, especially the war workers, there have also been marked changes caused by many families moving out of the District of Columbia. It is also well known that in recent years there has been a gradual movement from the downtown sections of the city, where commercial areas have been developing rapidly, to the suburban areas where more modern homes are to be found. Thus, there has been a mobility of population caused by the movement of families within the city as well as the new influx and outgo of families due mainly to the war situation.

The following statistics, secured through the cooperation of the public school officials, gives the comparison of the change in enrollment in the District of Columbia that has occurred since 1938.

Schools	*1938*	*1942*
Teachers Colleges	1,091	598
Senior High	16,973	13,384
Junior-Senior High	1,496	1,962
Junior High	19,235	19,274
Vocational	1,451	1,102
Elementary	53,254	52,415
Total	93,500	88,735

These changes in school population are due not only to the factors named above, but also to a declining birth rate that has occurred in this city in recent years. The Health Department statistics show now, however, that the birth rate is increasing. This would mean that in several church fields there should be added opportunities for building up the Cradle Roll and Beginners Departments. This might offset a natural decline to be expected in the Junior and Intermediate Departments of our Sunday Schools for instance.

Viewing the total picture as given in the above table, we may see one reason for a decline in our young people's departments' enrollment. Of special interest, though, is the fact that the Junior High enrollment is practically the same as it was four years ago. This should make doubly important the work of our Sunday Schools in our Intermediate Departments, especially in view of the lowering of the draft age for the boys.

Breaking down the general picture into localities, pastors and Sunday School officers may be interested in studying the effect of the changes in public school enrollment to one particular church field, using only the enrollment of the elementary schools, ages from the kindergarten through the sixth grade. The following abstraction from the tabulation is interesting:

Brookland Area: (Brookland Sunday School) Schools: Brookland, Bunker Hill, Burroughs, Langdon, Noyes, and Woodridge. Total 1938, 2,098; total 1942, 2,162; Gain 3%.

Georgetown Area: (West Washington Sunday School) Schools: Addison, Curtis, Corcoran, Fillmore, Hardy, Hyde, Jackson, Key, and Stoddert. Total 1938, 2,049; total 1942, 1,778; Loss 14%.

Southwest Area: (Fifth and Kendall Sunday School) Schools: Amidon, Bowen, Fairbrother, Greenleaf, and Rossell. Total 1938, 1,349; total 1942, 1,109; Loss 17%.

In our Baptist Headquarters office we have similar enrollment figures for every one of the elementary schools in Washington. Should any of our Sunday School leaders desire to make a similar comparison for their own school as has been done in the three samples above, they will be most welcome to the use of these statistics.

Making such a statistical study of our Sunday School attendance should be done in the light of the following additional factors:

1. Our Sunday School attendance does not necessarily decline because parents move from the church field to an outlying section of the city. In most instances, such families maintain their membership in the home church. Distance, however, may affect regular attendance, especially in bad weather.

2. Sunday School enrollment need not necessarily decline because of a declining child population. A survey of the territory of a church will reveal many families and many children who have not yet been brought into anyone's Sunday School or church. Frequent surveys are essential in the District of Columbia where the mobility of population is unusually great and where many war workers are bringing new families into the District.

3. It is evident that the Cradle Roll, Nursery, and Beginners Departments of our churches are becoming more and more important as factors in our Sunday School population.

4. Visitation has undoubtedly become more and more an essential activity in the maintenance of a stable church membership and Sunday School enrollment.

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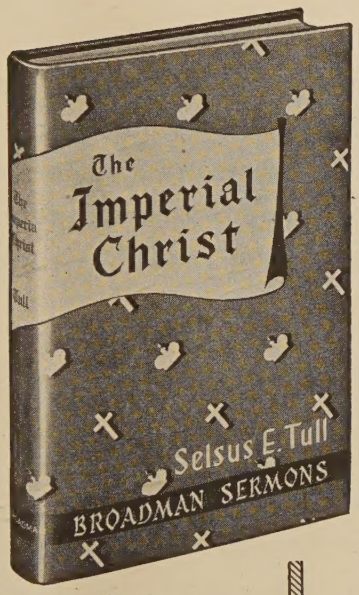

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